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MINUTES OF THE (ADJOURNED) ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC, HELD IN THE
ROOMS OF THE SOCIETY, APRIL 2, 1898, AT 8 P. M.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. PIERSON. A quorum was present. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

The Secretary read the names of new members duly elected at the Directors' meeting of March 26, 1898.

The following papers were presented:—

1. Address of the retiring President, by Hon. WILLIAM ALVORD.
2. Reports of Committees: on Nominations; on the Comet-Medal; on the Library; on Auditing; and Annual Report of the Treasurer.
3. The Edinburgh Observatory, by Professor R. G. AITKEN.
4. Earthquakes in California in 1897, by Mr. C. D. PERRINE.
5. A New Variable Star, by Mr. TORVALD KÖHL, of Odder, Denmark.
6. Latitude Work with the Fauth Transit of the Lick Observatory, by Professor H. D. CURTIS.
7. Planetary Phenomena for May and June, 1898, by Professor M. McNEILL.
8. Magnifying Ratios of Ewing Seismographs of Three Components, and of the Duplex-Pendulum Seismographs, by Mr. C. D. PERRINE.

The Committee on Nominations reported a list of names proposed for election as Directors, as follows: Messrs. R. G. AITKEN, C. B. HILL, JAMES E. KEELER, E. J. MOLERA, C. D. PERRINE, WM. M. PIERSON, F. H. SEARES, C. M. ST. JOHN, O. VON GELDERN, F. R. ZIEL, and Miss R. O'HALLORAN.

For Committee on Publication: Messrs. R. G. AITKEN, F. H. SEARES, O. VON GELDERN.

Messrs. CUSHING and MOSES were appointed as tellers. The polls were open from 8:15 to 9 P. M., and the persons above named were duly elected to serve for the ensuing year.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE COMET-MEDAL,
SUBMITTED MARCH 26, 1898.

The present report relates to the calendar year 1897. The comets of 1897 are:—

Comet *a* (D'ARREST'S periodic comet), rediscovered June 28, by C. D. PERRINE, Assistant Astronomer in the Lick Observatory.

Comet *b* (unexpected comet), discovered October 16, by C. D. PERRINE, Assistant Astronomer in the Lick Observatory.

The Comet-Medal of the Society has been awarded to Mr. PERRINE for the discovery of Comet *b*. This is the fifth award (made for similar previous discoveries) to the same observer.

Respectfully submitted,

E. S. HOLDEN,
J. M. SCHAEFERLE,
W. W. CAMPBELL.

Publications of the

The Treasurer submitted his Annual Report, as follows:—

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE
ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 26, 1898.

GENERAL FUND.

Receipts.

Cash Balance, March 28, 1897.....	\$ 489 29	
Received from dues.....	\$1471 67	
“ “ sale of publications.....	69 35	
“ “ “ stationery.....	1 50	
“ “ “ furniture, etc.....	12 00	
“ “ advertisements.....	63 25	
“ “ Security Savings Bank (interest).....	4 37	
“ “ Life Membership Fund (interest).....	73 49	
	<u>\$1695 63</u>	
Less transfer to Life Membership Fund.....	450 00	\$1245 63
		<u>\$1734 92</u>

Expenditures.

For publications.....	\$ 722 10	
“ general expenses.....	624 04	
	<u>\$1346 14</u>	
Cash Balance March 26, 1898.....	388 78	
		<u>\$1734 92</u>

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND.

Cash Balance March 28, 1897.....	\$1750 61	
Received from General Fund.....	450 00	
“ “ interest.....	73 49	
	<u>\$2274 10</u>	
Less interest transferred to General Fund.....	73 49	
Cash Balance March 26, 1898.....		<u>\$2200 61</u>

DONOHUE COMET-MEDAL FUND.

Cash Balance March 28, 1897.....	\$ 676 04	
Interest.....	26 21	
	<u>\$ 702 25</u>	
Less transfer to Montgomery Library Fund (see Vol. IX, page 113).....	70 89	
Cash Balance March 26, 1898.....		<u>\$ 631 36</u>

ALEXANDER MONTGOMERY LIBRARY FUND.

Cash Balance March 28, 1897.....	\$1932 68	
Interest.....	71 12	
Transfer from Comet-Medal Fund (see Vol. IX, page 113).....	70 89	
	<u>\$2074 69</u>	
Less expended for books, binding, etc.....	512 60	
Cash Balance March 26, 1898.....		<u>\$1562 06</u>

BRUCE MEDAL FUND.

Sept. 20, 1897. Cash received from Miss C. W. Bruce.....	\$2750 00	
Interest.....	18 30	
Cash Balance March 26, 1898.....		<u>\$2768 30</u>

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Balances on Deposit as follows:

General Fund:		
with Donohoe-Kelly Banking Co.....	\$ 330 45	
" Security Savings Bank	58 33	
		\$ 388 78
Life Membership Fund:		
with San Francisco Savings Union.....	\$1000 61	
" German Savings and Loan Society.....	600 00	
" Hibernia Savings and Loan Society.....	600 00	
		\$2200 61
Donohoe Comet-Medal Fund:		
with San Francisco Savings Union.....	\$ 205 34	
" German Savings and Loan Society.....	213 36	
" Hibernia Savings and Loan Society.....	212 66	
		\$ 631 36
Alexander Montgomery Library Fund:		
with San Francisco Savings Union.....	\$528 55	
" German Savings and Loan Society.....	421 36	
" Hibernia Savings and Loan Society.....	612 18	
		\$1562 09
Bruce Medal Fund:		
with San Francisco Savings Union.....	\$1510 06	
" Security Savings Bank	628 99	
" German Savings and Loan Society.....	629 25	
		\$2768 30
		<u>\$7551 14</u>

SAN FRANCISCO, March 26, 1898.

F. R. ZIEL, *Treasurer*.

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts reported as follows, and the report was, on motion, accepted and adopted:—

To the President and Members of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific:

GENTLEMEN—Your committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer for the fiscal year ending March 26, 1898, have made a careful examination, and find same to be correct.

Yours respectfully,

JOS. GASSMANN,
F. H. McCONNELL.

In the absence of Mr. ALVORD, the address of the President was read by Mr. CUSHING.

The following resolution was, on motion, adopted:—

Resolved, That all the acts appearing in the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors of this Society, as having been done by said Board during the past fiscal year, are here now, by this Society, approved and confirmed.

Adjourned.